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August 5, 2019

Ms. Barbara Brockington
New Horizon Group Home, LLC
Post Office Box 2542
Lumberton, North Carolina 28359-2452

Re: Zoning Issues for 1703 Stonewall Road. Laurinburg, NC

Dear Ms. Brockington:

I recently learned that New Horizon Group, LLC plans to operate a "residential child care facility" at 1703 Stonewall Road. Laurinburg, North Carolina 28352 under a lease from the record owner, Blue Ridge Health Investors, LLC. When I issued my zoning compliance letter to you on June 12, 2019, I was under the impression from information you provided that you would be operating a "family child care home" at this location. These uses have very different meanings and requirements under the City's Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO").

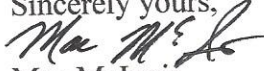
A "family child care home" is a private residence where children receive non-residential care for a portion the day. The permit for this use is issued without hearing as a matter of right. This is the use stated on your zoning application. However, as I now understand the facts, you wish to have children living full time at the site. Such a use is not a family child care home and you are not allowed to house children under this permit.

On the other hand, a "residential child care facility" is a staffed premise where children receive full time foster care and reside on the premises. It appears that this is the use that you desire to have at the 1703 Stonewall Road location. Under the UDO, this use requires the issuance of a conditional use permit which can only be obtained following a planning board review and ultimately by a hearing before the City Council. If you would like to apply for a conditional use permit for this property, please contact me and I will be happy to discuss the procedures with you.

TO REITERATE, YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE A RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE FACILITY AT 1703 STONEWALL UNDER YOUR PERMIT FOR A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mac McInnis". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "M" and a cursive "McInnis".

Mac McInnis,
Zoning Administrator, Planner/Code Enforcement
Officer